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SUBJ: GRENADA ELECTION

1. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT GOVERNOR GENERAL LEO DEGALE WAS TO HAVE CALLED ON PRIMIN ERIC GAIRY YESTERDAY (DEC. 15) TO FORM A GRENADA UNITED LABOUR PARTY (GULP) GOVT. REPORTEDLY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL NOW HAS AN OFFICIAL REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS GIVING GULP A NINE TO SIX LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY. THE MEDIA REPORTS THE OPPOSITION PEOPLES ALLIANCE HAS ELECTED NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT (NJM) "CO-ORDINATOR" MAURICE BISHOP AS LEADER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION. (ALTHOUGH THE DOMINANT PARTNER IN THE ALLIANCE, THE NJM ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY THREE OF THE SIX ALLIANCE SEATS.) THE ALLIANCE REPORTEDLY PLANS TO CONTEST TWO GULP VICTORIES IN COURT.

2. ALTHOUGH WINNING NINE OF THE 15 SEATS, GULP GARNERED ONLY 51.7 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULAR VOTE. THE ALLIANCE TOOK THE REMAINING 48.3 PER CENT IF THE LONE
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NOMINALLY "INDEPENDENT" CANDIDATE WHO LOST IS INCLUDED.

3. AN OPPOSITION FIGURE (FORMER UN DEPUTY PERMREP MICHAEL CEASAR) TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT GAIRY HAD ASKED THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO TAKE LEAVE SO THAT AN ACTING GOV GEN COULD TAKE OVER AND GIVE GAIRY THE NOD TO FORM A GOVT, BUT

THE GOVERNOR DECLINED TO ABSENT HIMSELF.

4. EMBOFF WILL DELIVER PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS AFTER GOVT IS SWORN IN.

5. AMBASSADOR WILL BRIEFLY VISIT GRENADA DECEMBER 17-19, IN COMPANY WITH CALIFORNIA LT. GOVERNOR DYMALLY.
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